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STRIVE TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT

TO RAISE TOBACCO OUTPUT -- La Bulgarie Nouvelle, No 20, 1 Nov 49

In his report on the state of the nation, delivered on the fifth anniversary of the September revolution, Dr Vulko Chervenkov stated that only a substantial increase in the export of agricultural commodities will enable Bulgaria to promote the industrialization of the country.

The Five-Year Plan provides an increase in tobacco production of 54,000 tons, or 64 percent over 1948 production. During the first year of the plan, the government was striving to intensify production of better grades, without extending the plan beyond its preliminary limits. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions during this period, the quota was met 96.6 percent.

To limit the production of inferior grades, Decree No 33 of the Ministry of Agriculture established a strict demarcation of areas intended for high-grade tobacco culture. The decree went into effect in the fall of 1948. Furthermore, higher food rations have been allotted to tobacco growers, consisting of bread, corn, sugar, oil, fabrics, etc.

SCIENTIFIC POLLINATION PRODUCES HIGHER YIELDS -- La Bulgarie Nouvelle,
No 20, 1 Nov 49

Following Soviet methods of artificial pollination, the Obrastsov Chiflik (model farm) -- an agricultural experimental station in Ruse Okoliya -- has recently conducted tests on sunflower and maize crops. After four pollination periods, the yield of sunflower seeds was increased by 17 percent; artificially pollinated plots produced 1,240 kilograms per hectare, while others yielded 1,060 kilograms. Furthermore, artificially pollinated kernels are larger and contain more oil. Maize, under the same method, yielded an average of 30 percent more per hectare.

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PROGRESS OF FALL SOWING CAMPAIGN -- Izgrev, No 1573, 10 Nov 49

According to latest information from the Ministry of Agriculture, the fall sowing campaign is showing the following progress: wheat, 95.4 percent completed; rye, 100 percent; and barley, 88.1 percent. The participation of farm workers' cooperatives in these figures was: wheat, 99.3 percent; rye, 110.2 percent; barley, 76.1 percent. The participation of state farms was: wheat, 104.5 percent; rye, 110.7; and barley, 100.9 percent.

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